

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Li *et al.*

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METHOD FOR THE  
PREPARATION OF AN  
EPOTHILONE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed December 29, 2006, having a due date for payment of the issue fee of March 29, 2007, applicant requests consideration of the following amendments under 37 CFR § 1.312. This amendment is being submitted with payment of the issue fee on March 29, 2007.